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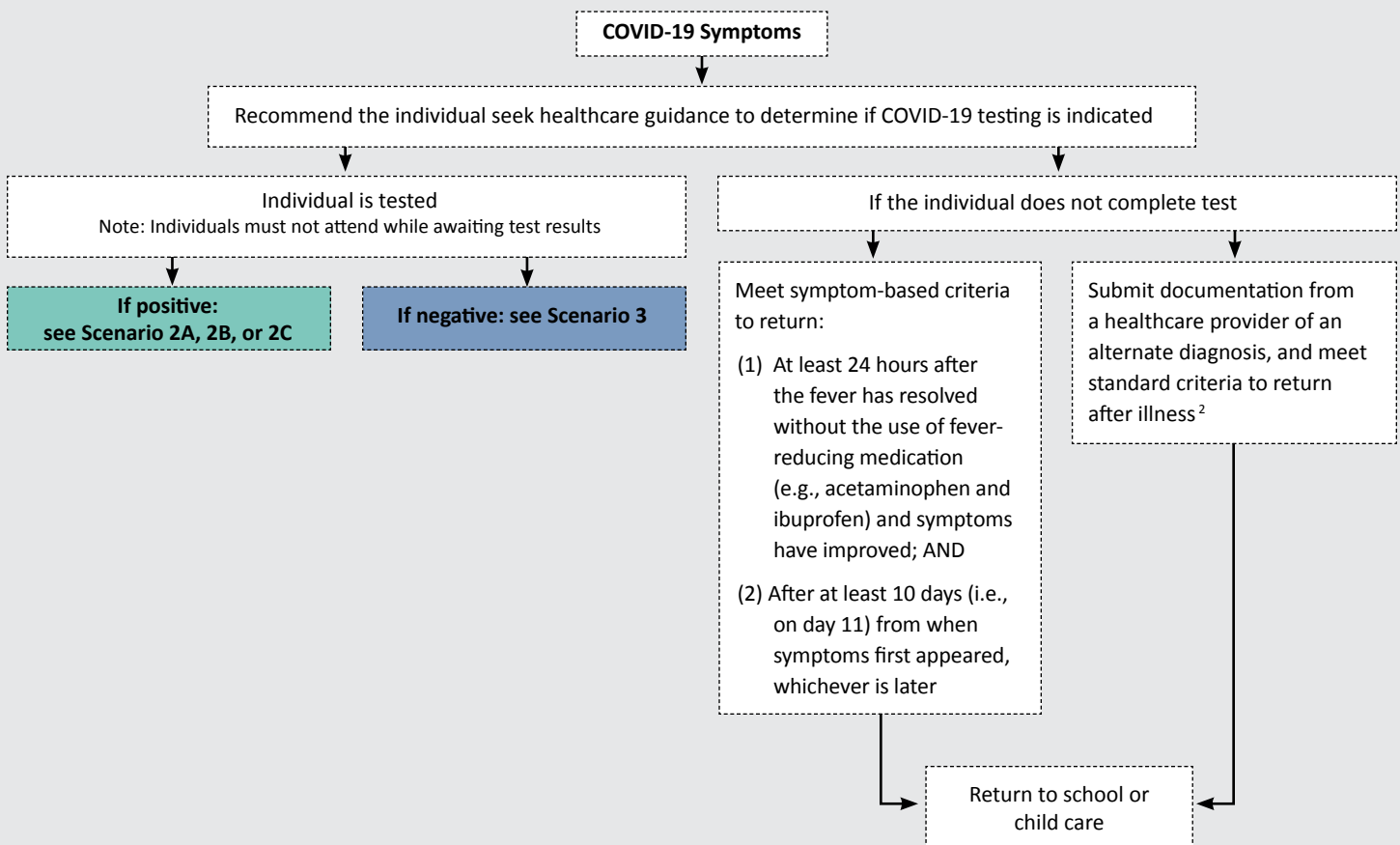
RETURN TO SCHOOL AND CHILD CARE CRITERIA

Note: These scenarios include the standard criteria to return. In scenarios involving returning after symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or a positive COVID-19 test result, individual guidance from DC Health or a healthcare provider would supersede these criteria.

Scenario 1: COVID-19 Symptoms¹

Criteria apply to the following individuals: Up to Date on COVID-19 Vaccination, Had COVID-19 and Recovered in the Last 90 Days, OR Unvaccinated or Not Up to Date on COVID-19 Vaccination

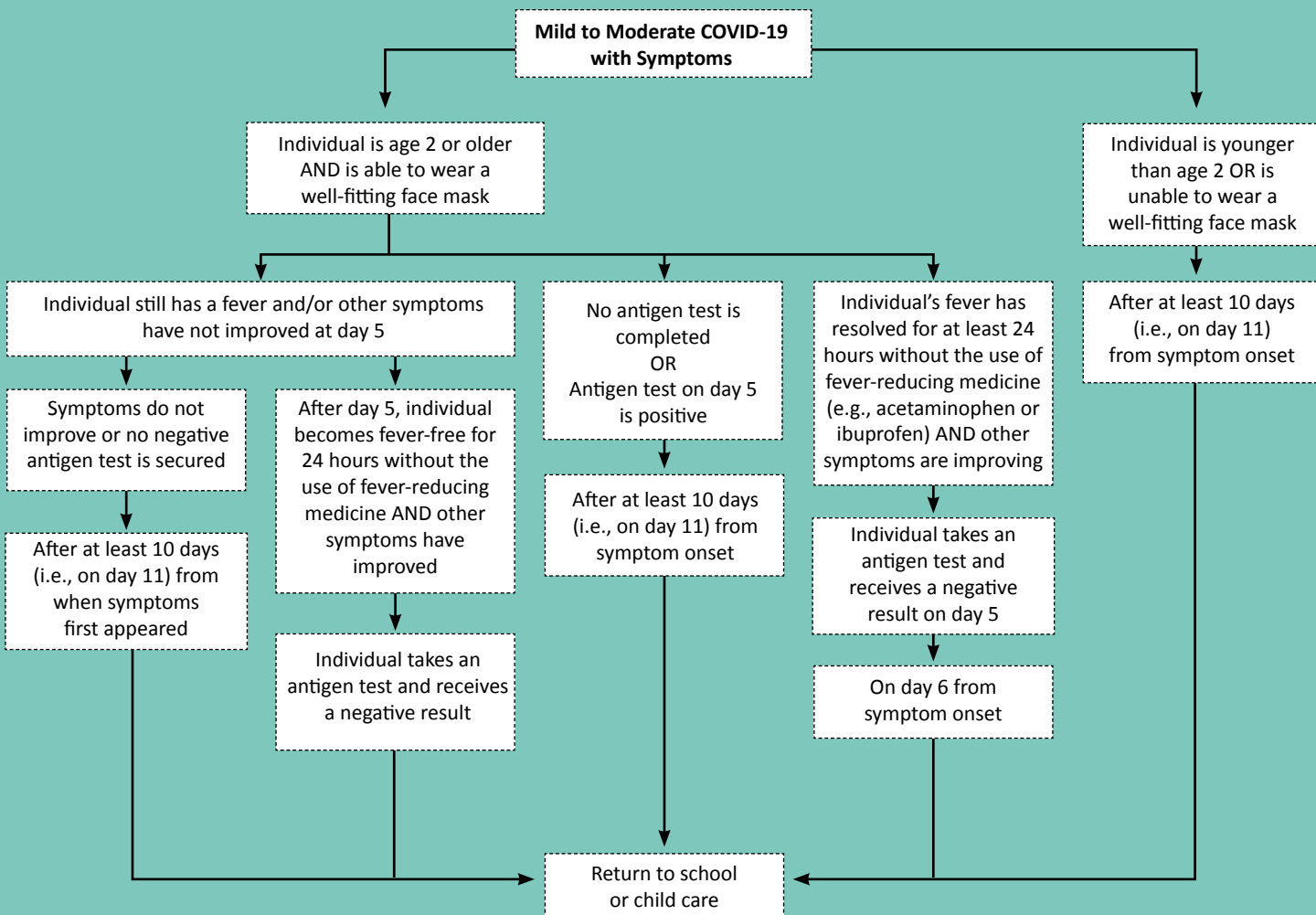
Note: This scenario requires exclusion until return criteria are met.



Scenario 2A: Positive COVID-19 Test Result (Antigen or NAAT)³ with Mild to Moderate COVID-19 with Symptoms

Criteria apply to the following individuals: Up to Date on COVID-19 Vaccination, Had COVID-19 and Recovered in the Last 90 Days, OR Unvaccinated or Not Up to Date on COVID-19 Vaccination

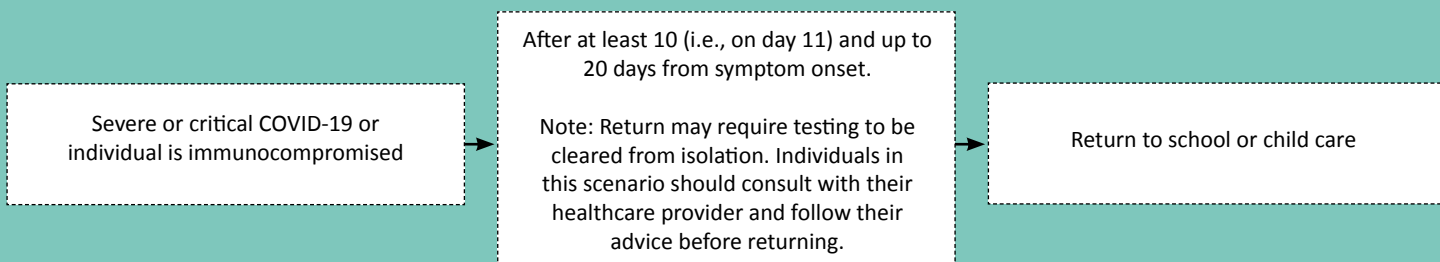
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Scenario 2B: Positive COVID-19 Test Result (Antigen or NAAT) with Severe or Critical COVID-19 Illness OR Positive COVID-19 Test Result (Antigen or NAAT) and Individual is Immunocompromised

Criteria apply to the following individuals: Up to Date on COVID-19 Vaccination, Had COVID-19 and Recovered in the Last 90 Days, OR Unvaccinated or Not Up to Date on COVID-19 Vaccination

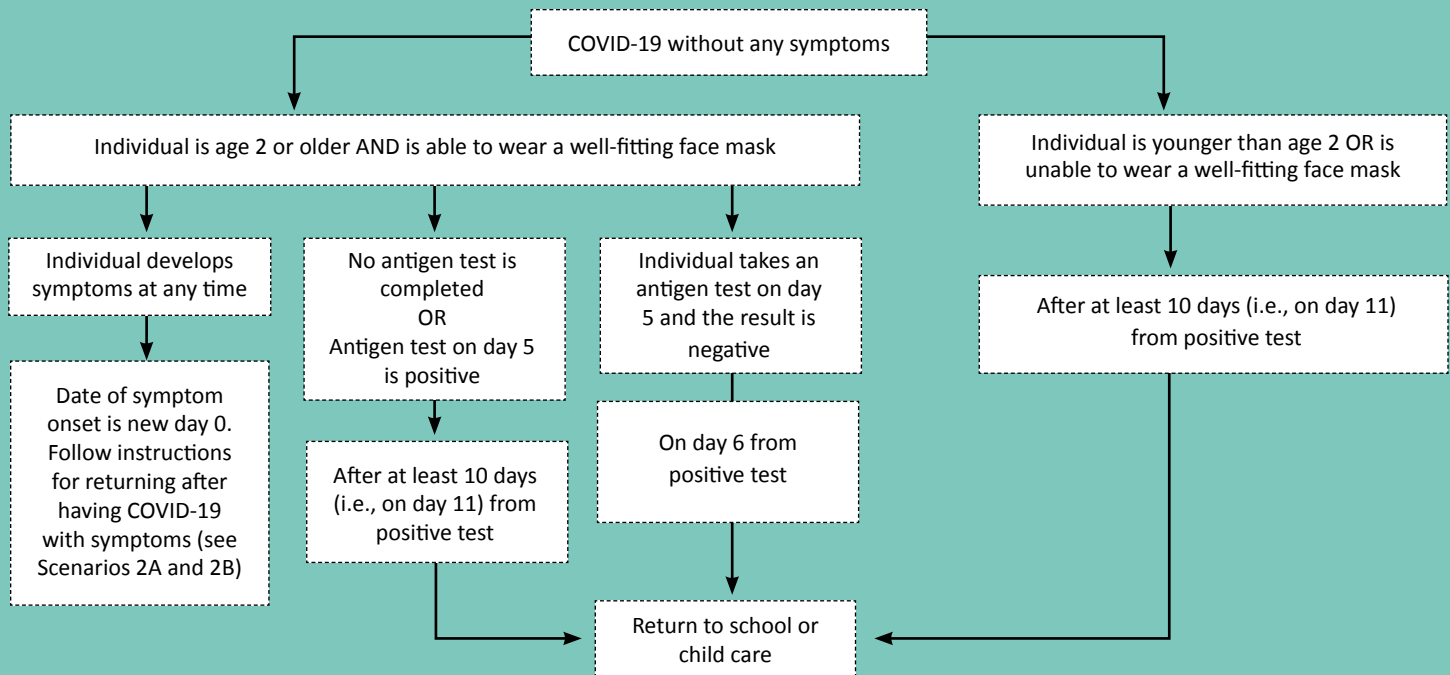
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Scenario 2C: Positive COVID-19 Test Result (Antigen or NAAT) without Any Symptoms (Asymptomatic Infection)

Criteria apply to the following individuals: Up to Date on COVID-19 Vaccination, Had COVID-19 and Recovered in the Last 90 Days, OR Unvaccinated or Not Up to Date on COVID-19 Vaccination

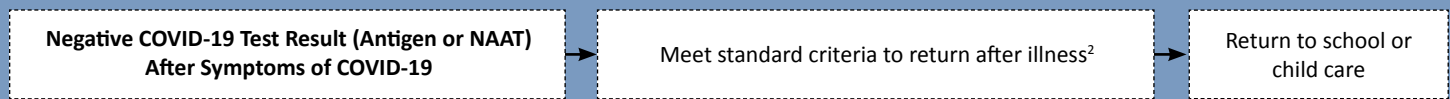
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Scenario 3: Negative COVID-19 Test Result After Symptoms of COVID-19

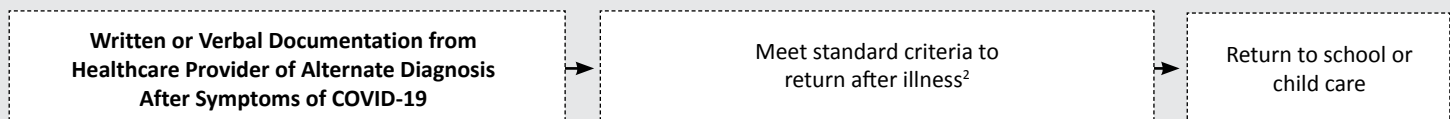
Criteria apply to the following individuals: Up to Date on COVID-19 Vaccination, Had COVID-19 and Recovered in the Last 90 Days, OR Unvaccinated or Not Up to Date on COVID-19 Vaccination

Note: It is recommended to confirm a negative antigen test with an NAAT.



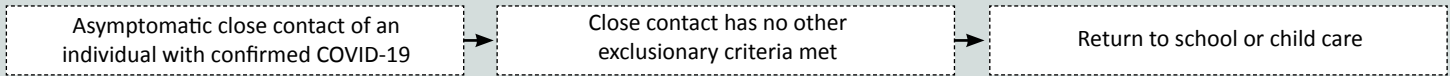
Scenario 4: Written or Verbal Documentation from Healthcare Provider of Alternate Diagnosis After Symptoms of COVID-19

Criteria apply to the following individuals: Up to Date on COVID-19 Vaccination, Had COVID-19 and Recovered in the Last 90 Days, OR Unvaccinated or Not Up to Date on COVID-19 Vaccination



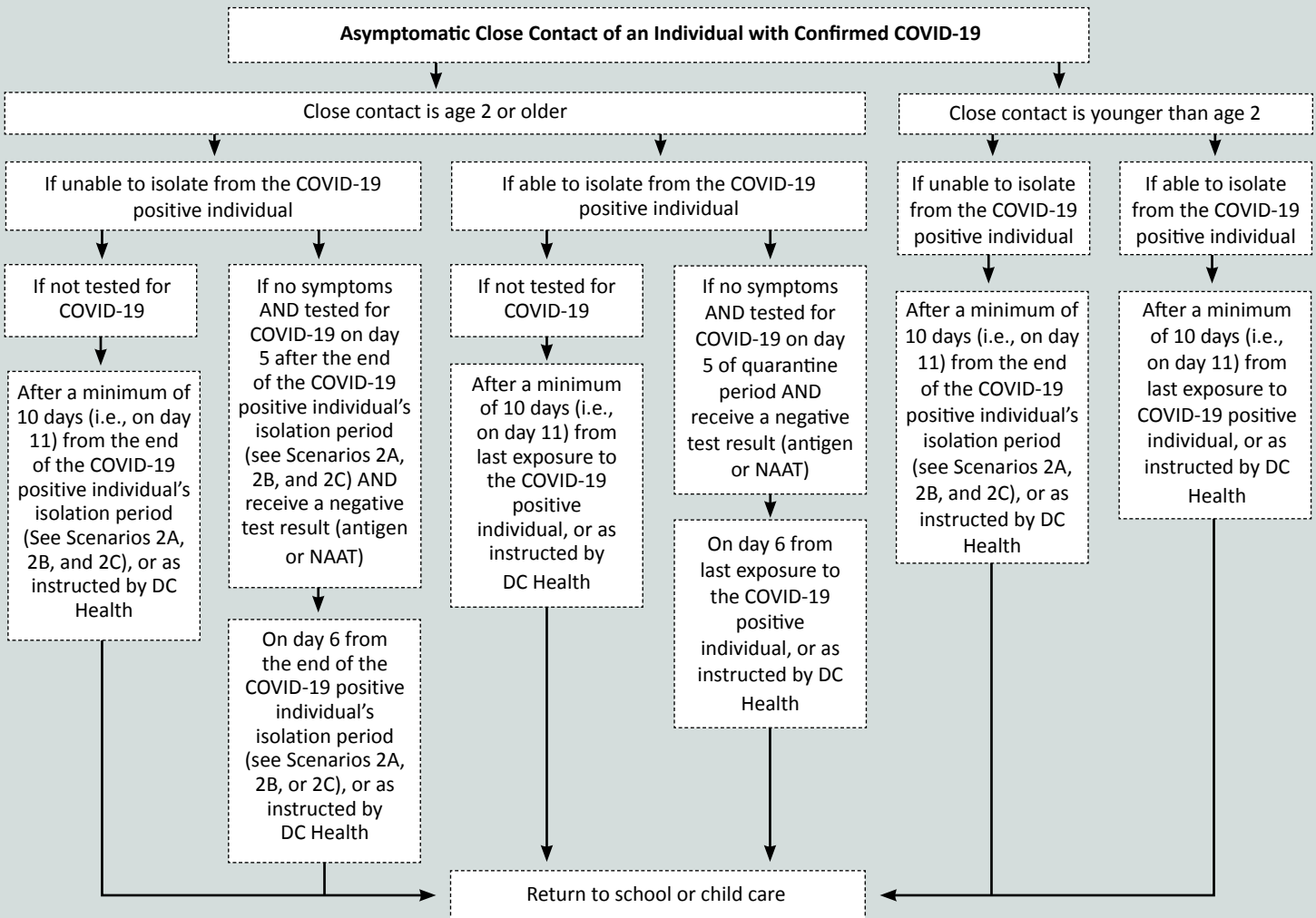
Scenario 5: Asymptomatic Close Contact of an Individual with Confirmed COVID-19⁴

Criteria apply to the following individuals: Up to Date on COVID-19 Vaccination or Had COVID-19 and Recovered in the Last 90 Days⁵



Criteria apply to the following individuals: Unvaccinated or Not Up to Date on COVID-19 Vaccination

Note: This scenario requires exclusion until return criteria are met.



SEE ALSO OSSE'S COVID-19 EXCLUSION AND DISMISSAL CRITERIA AND PROTOCOLS FOR SCHOOLS AND CHILD CARE AVAILABLE ON THE [OSSE WEBSITE](#).

Endnotes

- Individuals with pre-existing health conditions that present with specific COVID-19-like symptoms must not be excluded on the basis of those specific symptoms, if a healthcare provider has provided written or verbal documentation that those specific symptoms are not due to COVID-19.
- Standard criteria to return after illness refers to the individual school or child care facility's existing policies and protocols for an individual to return after illness.
- A PCR test is a type of NAAT (Nucleic Acid Amplification Test).
- Students or staff identified as close contacts (who would otherwise be required to quarantine) may continue to attend school if they are eligible for and participating in the school's Test to Stay program.
- Individuals who are up to date on their COVID-19 vaccination do not need to quarantine and may return immediately, but they should:
 - Get a COVID-19 test (antigen or NAAT) 5 days after the date they were exposed.
 - If the test is positive, see Scenarios 2A, 2B, or 2C.
 - Monitor themselves for COVID-19 symptoms for a full 10 days after exposure. They must isolate and test if symptoms develop.
 - Wear a well-fitting mask when around other people (including household members) for 10 days after their exposure.
 Individuals who have had COVID-19 and recovered in the last 90 days, do not need to quarantine, and may return immediately, but they should:
 - Monitor themselves for COVID-19 symptoms for a full 10 days after exposure. They must isolate and test if symptoms develop.
 - Wear a well-fitting mask when around other people (including household members) for 10 days after their exposure.